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FILING OF CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing of a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) for U.S.S.N. 08/901,612, filed on July 28, 1997 and entitled "OLIGONUCLEOTIDES SPECIFIC FOR HEPATITIS B VIRUS" in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred. The inventors, Bruce L. Frank, Peter C. Roberts, John Goodchild, J. Charles Craig, John S. Mills, Andrew Slade, Robert E. Kilkuskie, Noel A. Roberts, and Raymond Jupp, named in the prior application, remain the same. No inventors are to be added or deleted in the CPA application.

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A Small Entity Statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

Please charge our deposit account 08-0219 the required filing fee of \$395.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a). For this purpose we enclose a duplicate copy of this document. The fee charged reflects the application's small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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